

Application No. 10/658,151

Reply to Office Action

*REMARKS*

The Examiner is thanked for the careful consideration given the present patent application and for the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants have carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action dated February 28, 2007 June 12, 2007. In response, applicants have cancelled, without prejudice, claims 1-5, 7, 10-19, 21-32, and 58-65 and amended claims 38 and 56. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added by way of these amendments. Applicants believe that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, favorable reconsideration in light of the following remarks is requested.

The Office Action suggested some non-narrowing amendments to claim 38 to improve its form, and, in response, applicants have made such amendments herein. The Office Action objected to claims 56 and 57, indicating they would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the objections set forth in Paragraph 4 of the Office Action. In response, applicants have made non-narrowing amendments to claim 56 to overcome the objections set forth in paragraph 4. Further and merely to expedite the prosecution of the subject matter that has already been found to be allowable, and not acquiescing in any way to the rejections made in the pending Office Action, applicants have cancelled the remaining pending claims and all previously withdrawn claims.

Applicants respectfully submit that the patent application is in condition for allowance. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,



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